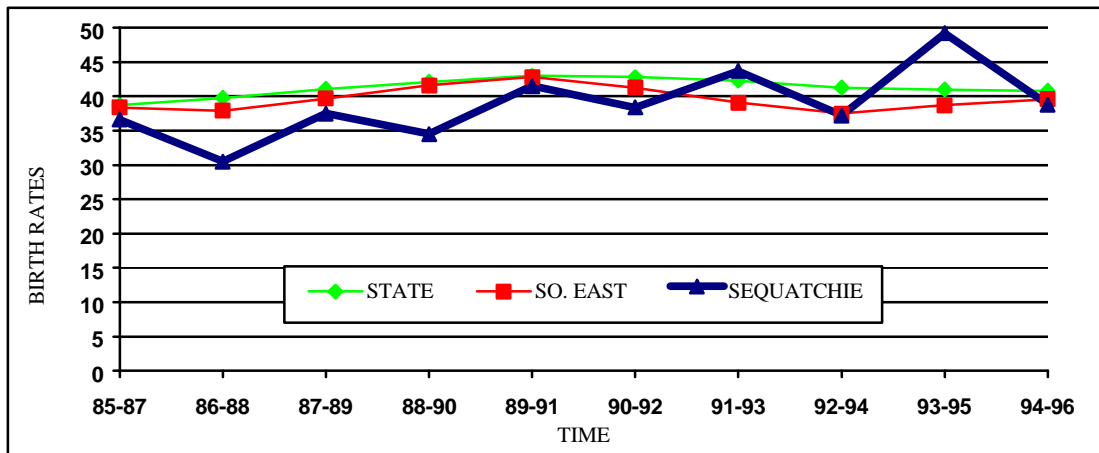


## IV. SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data (information already collected by other sources for other purposes) is assembled each year by the State Office of Health Statistics and Information for Sequatchie County. This data includes county-specific birth statistics, morbidity or disease statistics and mortality or death statistics. The data covers a twelve-year trend and is provided in three-year averages to smooth the trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations in year-to-year rates that may distort the true trends. Sequatchie County's data is compared to the corresponding state and Southeast Region (Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Sequatchie, and Marion Counties) rates, national "Year 2000 Objectives," and includes rates for white, non-white, and all races combined. The secondary data used in the Community Diagnosis Process is described below, with *graphs and tables used to highlight issues recognized as potential problems* by the Sequatchie County Health Council.

### *Sequatchie County Pregnancy And Birth Experience*

- **Number of Births Per 1,000 Females Ages 10-44**  
- The Sequatchie County trend has increased throughout the twelve year time frame. Throughout the 1990's, the trend has been nearly equal to the Southeast Region, and the State. Women of child-bearing age in Sequatchie County give birth to approximately 125 babies each year (52 per 1,000 females ages 10-44).
- **Number of Births Per 1,000 Females Ages 10-14**  
- The Sequatchie County trend has been unstable throughout the twelve year time frame, but began to decrease in the mid 1990's. Traditionally, the trend is lower than the Southeast Region and the State. On average one girl age 10-14 gives birth annually in Sequatchie County.
- **Number of Births Per 1,000 Females Ages 15-17** - The Sequatchie County trend has increased throughout the twelve year time frame and is currently equal to the Southeast Region and the State. On average approximately 8 girls age 15-17 give birth annually in Sequatchie County, a rate of 40 per 1,000 girls.



	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96
STATE	38.7	39.8	41.1	42.1	43.0	42.8	42.3	41.3	41.0	40.8
SE REGION	38.4	37.9	39.7	41.6	42.8	41.3	39.1	37.5	38.7	39.6
SEQUATCHIE	36.6	30.5	37.5	34.5	41.5	38.4	43.7	37.2	49.2	38.8